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TOPIC Military Information from the Ohrdruf Maneuver Area

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REMARKS

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1. On 29 November, 14 trucks were observed in the Ohrdruf (M 51/J 15) maneuver area, coming from the direction of Sonneberg and moving toward Eisfeld. * The trucks were loaded with wooden and iron bedsteads and two of them towed field kitchens. At about 6 p.m., 12 trucks towing four artillery pieces of about 37 mm were observed traveling in the same direction. Each truck carried 10 to 15 soldiers.

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2. The ammunition dump at Aue was empty and not guarded.

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3. Trucks loaded with tree trunks, moved to the railroad station on 28 November.

4. A local resident said that six rail-type rocket launchers were unloaded at the Ohrdruf railroad station on 24 November and loaded again on 25 November, following a firing practice with live ammunition at the troop training grounds. **

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* Comment. The two trucks belonged to the 13th AAA Div of the Eighth Gds Army. They were probably en route to Ohrdruf.

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** Comment. The information indicates that further short firing exercises of Eighth Gds Army units may be held at Ohrdruf throughout the winter.

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